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LISTING OF SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please replace paragraphs [43] and [55] of the specification with the following amended paragraphs:

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[43] FIG. 4 illustrates principal steps involved in establishing a call directly to the VMS 10 using the network configuration illustrated in FIG. 3. In step 200, the requesting party, using the web browser application or an applet embedded in an electronic mail message, accesses the WWW server 44 by clicking on a hotlink, or otherwise selecting a universal resource locator (URL) identifying a web page stored on the WWW server 44. The data request is routed through the Internet 38 to the WWW server 44 (step 202), which returns IP data packets through the Internet 38 (step 204) to an access server (not shown) used by the requesting party, which duly relays the packets to the web browser application (step 206). The requesting party is thus presented with information associated with the web page. The requesting party selects a 'click to voice mail' button, which prompts the web browser to generate and send a data request for an applet associated with the selected button (step 208). The data request for the applet is forwarded through the Internet 38 to the WWW server 44 (step 210), and the response provides presentation information associated with a graphical user interface (GUI) applet that is returned through the Internet 38 (step 212) to the web browser (step 214). The applet is executed yielding a GUI that is displayed to the requesting party, inviting the requesting party to enter a directory number (DN) of a subscriber line that will be used by the requesting party to receive a call to be set up to the selected voice mail box. The requesting party supplies the DN of telephone 12, and the data is sent in a packet(s) through the Internet 38 (step 216) to the WWW server 44 (step 218). The WWW server 44, then formulates a message to the CCA 32, or a proxy

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server 40 requesting that a call be set up between the DN entered by the requesting party and the VMS of the selected party (step 220) using a call connection request message that includes a service user's DN. The proxy server 40 issues a the connection request message to the CCA 32 (step 222) containing the DN supplied by the requesting party, the DN of the service subscriber, and the DN of the VMS 10. The connection request message may contain an indicator that the IAM used to initiate the establishment of a call connection to the DN of the VMS 10 is a direct call to the mail box.

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[55] The signaling information part 1210 has a message type indicator 1211, which is an IAM in this case, and a mandatory fixed part 1212, a mandatory variable part 1213, and an optional part 1214. The mandatory fixed part 1212 and mandatory variable part 1213 of IAMs contain information used to establish the call connection, and the a-called party number that is used at every hop to determine a CIC 1220 and routing label 1230 for the next hop.